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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6590

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJ: CCC CREDIT FOR DR

REF: A. STATE 69041, B. SANTO DOMINGO 4848; C. SANTO DOMINGO
1022, D. SANTO DOMINGO 1427 (TOFAS 27), E. FASTO 26

1. AGATT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL YESTERDAY FROM DR RICARDO
RICOURT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INESPRE, WHO ASKED ABOUT THE
STATUS OF HIS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL US\$20 MILLION (REF E.)
FOR PURCHASING US AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES DURING REST OF CY
1976. AGATT REPLIED THAT CABLE JUST RECEIVED (REF D.) SAYING
FURTHER CCC CREDITS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
UNTIL PL 480 ARREARAGES WERE MET IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT BALAGUER.

2. RICOURT REACTED STRONGLY TO THE NEWS SAYING THAT THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC HAD BEEN A FRIEND OF THE UNITES STATES FOR A LONG,
LONG TIME AND THIS DID NOT SEEM TO HIM TO BE ANY WAY TO TREAT
FRIENDS. HE SAID HE CONSIDERED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A
COMMITMENT THE MIDDLE OF 1975 TO SUPPLY US\$40 MILLION UNDER
CCC CREDIT AND TO DATE HAD SUPPLIED ONLY US\$20 MILLION WHICH
WAS NOW COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED. HE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD
SOON RUN SHORT OF RICE AND A SERIOUS PROBLEM WOULD DEVELOP.
HE USED THE TERM "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION" TO DESCRIBE US GOVT ACTION
TYING CCC CREDIT TO REPAYMENT OF PL 480 DEBT AND SAID THAT IF
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CCC CREDIT IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF

"A SERIOUS INTERNAL POLITICAL CRISIS". HE SAID THE WITHHOLDING OF THE CCC CREDIT WHICH IS DESPERATELY NEEDED WAS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF EITHER COUNTRY AND COULD ULTIMATELY FORCE THE DR TO GO TO OTHER MARKETS TO GET NEEDED COMMODITIES. HE URGED THAT MATTER OF CCC CREDIT FOR DR BE TAKEN UP AT "HIGHEST LEVELS" IN USG.

3. COMMENT: SHOULD BE NOTED THAT RICOURT WAS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY BEFORE BECOMING INESPRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT. HE IS ORDINARILY MILD, EVEN-TEMPERED PERSON, PRO-AMERICAN IN ATTITUDE. IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUS EMBASSY MESSAGES ON SUBJECT, HIS REACTION REQUIRES NO COMMENT.
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